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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/779,644	Applicant(s) SOMA ET AL.	
	Examiner Paul Huber	Art Unit 2653	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-13 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/492,269.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tani (USP-5,808,975).

Regarding claims 9 and 11, Tani discloses an optical disc control method and apparatus (see figures 6, 10A & 10B), comprising: an objective lens 186 ; a light receiving element 47; a spot position detecting circuit 66 for detecting an amount of deviation E2 of the objective lens 186 from a center of the light receiving element 47 (see col. 12, lines 24-30); and a controller for instructing movement of the objective lens 186 to be closer to the center of the light receiving element 47 according to the detected deviation amount E2, i.e., instructing switch 76 to be ON during long seek, and then performing a traverse control 90, i.e., instructing switch 112 to be ON and switch 114 to be OFF during short seek (see col. 13, lines 11-33). During the traverse control (short seek), a double servo circuit 118 holds the lens at the zero position by the VCM 64 according to the deviation amount E2. Accordingly, the traverse control (short seek) is performed according to the deviation amount E2 as claimed. See also, col. 8, lines 25-54.

Regarding claims 10 and 12, a tracking control 78 of the objective lens 186 is performed after seek operation is performed, i.e., after moving of the objective lens by circuits 66 or 118 as claimed.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Nakayama et al. discloses an optical pickup device.

Claim 13 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Paul Huber at telephone number 703-308-1549.



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